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DISPLAY FRAME STRUCTURE MOUNTING ARRANGEMENT

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to a display frame structure and, more particularly, to the mounting arrangement of the base frame and the front cover of a display frame structure for LCD.

2. Description of Related Art

Following fast development of information technology, compact LCDs (Liquid Crystal Displays) have been intensively used in computer to substitute for conventional bulky CRT (Cathode Ray Tube) monitors.

A regular LCD comprises a display panel mounted in between a base frame and a front cover, i.e., the display panel is mounted in the base frame and then the base frame is affixed to the front cover, keeping the display screen facing the front cover. According to conventional designs, a large number of screws are used to fasten the base frame to the front cover. Because the display panel is not directly affixed to the front cover, a gap may exist between the front cover and the display panel, and outside dust or water may pass through the gap to the inside of the display, thereby damaging the internal parts of the display. Further, using screws to affix the base frame to the front cover requires much labor and installation time, resulting in high manufacturing cost.

Therefore, it is desirable to provide a display frame structure mounting arrangement that eliminates the aforesaid drawbacks.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention has been accomplished under the circumstances in view. It is the main object of the present invention to provide a display frame structure mounting arrangement, which reduces the gap between the display panel and the front cover, prohibiting entrance of any external bodies or fluid. It is another object of the present invention to provide a display frame structure mounting arrangement, which requires less labor and installation time, reducing the installation cost and improving the installation efficiency.

To achieve these and other objects of the present invention, the display frame structure mounting arrangement comprises a front cover, a base frame, and a display panel. The front cover is shaped like an open frame, having a front surface, a back surface, a top frame bar, a bottom frame bar, a left-side frame bar, a right-side frame bar, a display space surrounded by the top frame bar, the bottom frame bar, the left-side frame bar and the right-side frame bar, and a plurality of mounting devices respectively disposed at the bottom frame bar in the back surface. The base frame is shaped like a flat pan, comprising a top flange, a bottom flange, a left-side flange, a right-side flange, a receiving chamber surrounded by the top flange, the bottom flange, the left-side flange and the right-side flange, and a plurality of mounting devices disposed at the bottom flange respectively corresponding to the mounting devices of the front cover. The display panel is mounted in the receiving chamber of the base frame corresponding to the display space of the front cover. The front cover comprises a plurality of locating devices respectively disposed at the top

frame bar in the back surface of the front cover. Each locating device comprises at least two upright arms respectively protruded from the back surface of the top frame bar of the front cover and mutually spaced with each other a predetermined distance, and a transverse block connected to the at least two upright arms. The transverse block has a front side spaced from the back surface of the front cover by a gap, and a bottom side forming a stop face. The base frame comprises a plurality of lugs respectively upwardly extended from the front edge of the top flange. During installation, the lugs of the base frame are respectively engaged into the gap between the back surface of the front cover and the front side of the transverse block of each locating device of the front cover and stopped at the front side of the transverse block of each locating device, keeping the outer side of the top flange of the base frame stopped against the stop face of the transverse block of each locating device of the front cover, and then the mounting devices of the base frame are respectively fastened to the corresponding mounting devices of the front cover.

When lifted the base frame to stop the top flange against the stop face of the transverse block of each locating device of the front cover, the effect of the arm of force of the upright arms of the locating devices effectively reduces the gap between the front cover and the display panel to prevent entering of external bodies or fluid into the inside of the display frame structure. And by the designs of the locating devices of the front cover and the lugs of the base frame, the display frame structure mounting arrangement of the present invention effectively saves installation labor

and time, reducing installation cost and improving installation efficiency.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a perspective assembly view of a display frame structure mounting arrangement according to the present invention.

5 FIG. 2 is an exploded view of the display frame structure mounting arrangement according to the present invention.

FIG. 3 is an enlarged view of a part of the display frame structure mounting arrangement according to the present invention.

FIG. 4 is a sectional view of FIG. 3.

10 DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Referring to FIG. 1, a display frame structure mounting arrangement is shown comprised of a front cover **1**, a base frame **2**, and a display panel **3**.

Referring to FIGS. 2~4 and FIG. 1 again, the front cover **1** is an
15 open frame member comprising a top frame bar **11**, a bottom frame bar **12**, a left-side frame bar **13**, and a right-side frame bar **14**. The frame bars **11~14** define a display space **15**. The front cover **1** has a front surface **16** and a back surface **17**. The front cover **1** further comprises four mounting devices **19** provided at the bottom frame bar **12** in the back surface **17**.
20 According to this embodiment, the mounting devices **19** are bosses.

The base frame **2** is shaped like a flat pan comprising a top flange **21**, a bottom flange **22**, a left-side flange **23**, a right-side flange **24**, a receiving chamber **25** surrounded by the flanges **21~24**, and four mounting devices **29** provided at the bottom flange **22** respectively corresponding to

the mounting devices **19** of the front cover **1**. According to the present preferred embodiment, the mounting devices **19** of the front cover **1** are mounting through holes.

The display panel **3** according to the present preferred embodiment is a LCD panel mounted in the receiving chamber **25** of the base frame **2** corresponding to the display space **15** of the front cover **1**.

The front cover **1** further comprises four locating devices **18** provided at the top frame bar **11** and suspended in the back surface **17** of the front cover **1**. Each locating device **18** comprises three upright arms **181** respectively protruded from the back surface **17** and arranged in parallel and mutually spaced with each other a predetermined distance **d**, and a transverse block **183** connected the upright arms **181**. Each upright arm **181** has a front end **186** fixedly connected to the top frame bar **11** and backwardly protruded from the back surface **17** of the front cover **1**, a rear end **184** connected to the transverse block **183**. The transverse block **183** has a front side **185** spaced from the back surface **17** of the front cover **1** by a gap **D**, and a bottom side forming a stop face **180**. The base frame **2** further comprises a plurality of lugs **28** upwardly extended from the front edge of the top flange **21**.

During installation, the display panel **3** is mounted in the receiving chamber **25** of the base frame **2** corresponding to the display space **15** of the front cover **1**, and then the base frame **2** is attached to the back surface **17** of the front cover **1** to insert the lugs **28** of the top flange **21** of the base frame **2** into the gap **D** between the back surface **17** of the front cover **1** and

the front side **185** of the transverse block **183** of the locating devices **18**, keeping the lugs **28** stopped at the front side **185** of the transverse block **183** of each locating device **18** and the outer side **211** of the top flange **21** of the base frame **2** stopped against the stop face **180** of the transverse block **183** of each locating device **18**, and then four screws **4** are respectively inserted into the through holes **29** of the base frame **2** and threaded into the bosses **19** of the front cover **1** to affix the base frame **2** to the front cover **1**, completing the installation process.

Referring to FIGS. 3 and 4 again, when lifted the base frame **2** to stop the outer side **211** of the top flange **21** of the base frame **2** against the stop face **180** of the transverse block **183** of each locating device **18** of the front cover **1**, the effect of the arm of force of every upright arm **181** of every locating device **18** causes the front cover **1** to produce an inwardly inclined prestressing (see the arrow sign in FIG. 4), i.e., the effect of the arm of force of the upright arms **181** of the locating devices **18** effectively reduces the gap between the front cover **1** and the display panel **3** to prevent entering of external bodies or fluid into the inside of the display frame structure. Further, the engagement between the lugs **28** and the locating devices **18** eliminates the problem of the conventional design due to the use of a large number of screws, i.e., the display frame structure mounting arrangement of the present invention effectively saves much installation labor and time, reducing the installation cost, and improving installation efficiency.

Although a particular embodiment of the present invention has

been described in detail for purposes of illustration, various modifications and enhancements may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention. Accordingly, the invention is not to be limited except as by the appended claims.